Minutes - Research Council Meeting
December 1, 2023
Hybrid capable, Goessmann Laboratory 250
9:00-10:30 am

In Attendance: K. Bolow, T. Brashear, M. Budig, C. Burnett, R. Clement, L. Cordeiro, E. Cote, E.B. Coughlin, J. Dillard-Wright, S. Fefer, S. Jayne, P. Katz, L. Keough, K. Kittilstved, K. Lachman, J. Lundquist, J. Mager, C. Misra, j. Moralee, M. Mueller, A. Nagurney, J. Normanly, M. Pachucki, A. Paik, L. Sanders, B. Shelburne, F. Sousa, K.P. Tandukar, M. Tuominen, L. Vandenberg, J. Urla, A. Vinard, L. Walker, B. Whitcomb, C. Wilda, L. Wolf, S. Zilberstein

Welcome

- J. Normanly welcomed everyone to the meeting.
  - Quick review and approval of minutes from October 27th
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  - Motion made to approve. Passed without dissent.

Task Force & Committee updates

- RCC (Alex Ribbe)
  Committee met – Overview of Strategic Plan and model.
- RC service assignments (J. Normanly)
  Update on status of assignments.
- Task Force Supporting docs here: https://umass.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/ResearchCouncil/Shared%20Documents/General/2023-2024/%2723-%2724%20task%20forces,%20committees,%20liaisons?csf=1&web=1&e=frxOEj
- Grad Student Funding TF (Bryan Coughlin, Gaurav Mitra, Lori Goldner, Jackie Urla)
  Update on status and committee.
- Centers & Institutes TF – (Paul Katz, Sarah Fefer, Laura Vandenberg)
  Task force to meet on 12/22
- RAAB (Lisa Sanders)
  Meeting held on 11/15. L. Vandenberg shared: 2023_12_01_DoE National Labs and UMass Amherst.pptx

- **Research Grant Cost Transfers** (Frank Sousa, Christine Wilda, Kerri Bolow, Sibyl Jayne)
  - Discussion on updates of process; 2023_12_01_Cost Transfers Policy Highlights_RC.pdf
  - Training dates are January 23, 2024, and February 16, 2024. More information on the Workplace Learning & Development site: https://www.umass.edu/wld/

- **Libraries organizational changes & research support** (Ryan Clement)

- Overview of changes and data support offered by the library. 2023_12_01-library-data-openPublishing-slides (1).pptx

- **Research misconduct policy edits** (Laura Vandenberg)
    - Redlined version of UMass Amherst policy responding to ORI comments
        - 2023_12_01_UMass_Amherst_research_misconduct_policy_and_procedures_Fall23_redline.docx
    - ORI comments on original 2016 UMass Amherst policy
        - 2023_12_01_UMASS Amherst PP ORI Review_Fall2023.pdf

    - Discussed urgent request regarding Research Misconduct Policy edits from the Federal government. Committee to review, provide feedback, if any and vote by COB Monday, December 4, 2023.

- **Joint AI Task Force update** (Lisa Wolf)

    - Update on status and committee.

- **Short takes, announcements, etc.**

    - LIRA (Large-Scale Research Awards) program renewal (Loren Walker)
        - Overview of award opportunity and details can be found on *https://www.umass.edu/research/LIRA*

- New topic suggestions
    - If any suggestions, e-mail Jennifer Normanly
    - Appended below is a response from an email inquiry to SVP Budig prior to this meeting about the Partner Employment Program:

      There are no changes to the Partner Employment Program this year. Below is a description of the Program from the Provost's website (seek appendix K). The only discrepancy between that description and the current program is that the funding for the partner hire is split in thirds, with 1/3 provided from each of the Provost, Dean, and hiring department. This program is for placement into non-tenure-track and professional staff positions. Sometimes a TT opportunity can be created for the partner, but this requires a need in the department receiving the hire, a commitment to funding a new TT line in that department, and approval from both the Dean and Provost.